

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 553

By Carr

A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Larry McElroy.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of the General Assembly should honor those exemplary citizens who contribute significantly to Tennessee's diverse and dynamic culture; and

WHEREAS, Larry McElroy is one such estimable individual who has worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous ways; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElroy, the son of Terry and Wilma McElroy, was raised on a farm of general operation in the Porterfield Community on the Rutherford County and Cannon County line; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Lascassas High School in 1961 and Middle Tennessee State University in January 1966; and

WHEREAS, during Larry's farming career, he served on many boards and received two management awards; in 1974, he was named Outstanding Young Farmer of the year by the Tennessee Farm Bureau and, in 1976, he was named Outstanding Young Dairyman by the Nashville Division of Dairymen Inc.; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElroy has served with acumen and alacrity as the General Manager of Consolidated Utility District (CUD) of Rutherford County since 1988, in which position he has seen Rutherford County and CUD grow rapidly; the utility now serves more than 43,000 customers; and

WHEREAS, active in his community, Larry has served on the Rutherford County Farm Bureau Board of Directors, the Rutherford County CO-OP Board of Directors, and the Board of Directors of the Nashville Division of Dairymen Inc., he was a charter member of the Tennessee Dairy Herd Improvement Association Board of Directors, and he served two terms on the Rutherford County Agriculture Extension Committee; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, Mr. McElroy is a 2006 graduate of Leadership Middle Tennessee, which he still serves as a board member; a 1992 graduate of Leadership Rutherford; a 1990 recipient of the Tennessee Water & Wastewater Association Middle Section award for water management/treatment/distribution; and a 1997 co-recipient of the Rosson award for financial and operational excellence by the Tennessee Association of Utility Districts; and

WHEREAS, at the 1999 Tennessee Association of Utility Districts (TAUD) annual meeting, Larry was elected to the TAUD Board of Directors and, in 2009, he was elected to the National Rural Water Association Board; and

WHEREAS, his numerous accomplishments aside, Mr. McElroy is deeply devoted to his family, and he always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, widowed in 2008, Larry has two daughters, Hollie Adcock and Terrie Hayes, and two grandchildren, Jackson Adcock and Caroline Adcock; and

WHEREAS, Mr. McElroy is now engaged to Nancye Nelson; both are active and devout members of the Northminster Presbyterian Church, which Larry serves as an Elder and Clerk of Session; and

WHEREAS, Larry McElroy epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Mr. Parker for his accomplishments; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Larry McElroy for his unwavering dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens, and extend to him our best wishes for every continued success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.